

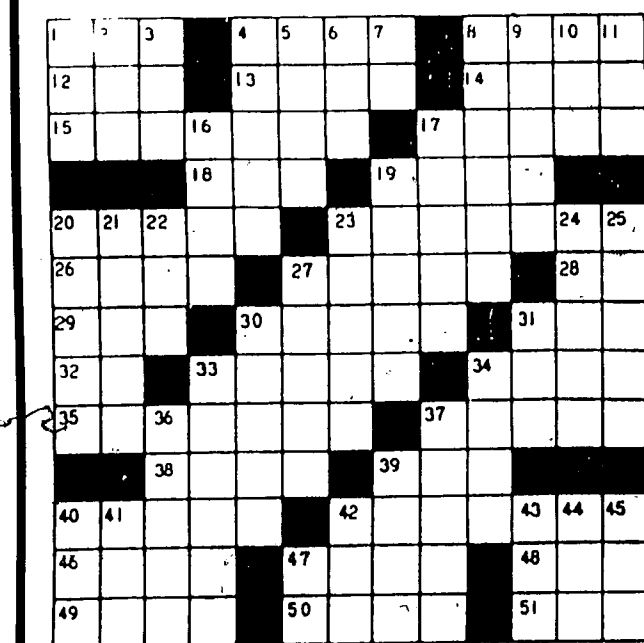
Crossword

ACROSS

1 Summer in
4 Sluggish
8 Exultant joy
12 Nobleman's
13 Window glass
14 Wander
15 Snake
17 Oarsman
18 A single thing
19 Expect
20 Burn with hot
23 Freedom
26 Peel
27 Losses color
28 That man
29 Picnic pest
30 Speed contests
31 Epoch
32 Negative reply
33 Fails to win
34 Game animal
35 Chooses
37 Heaps
38 Sturdy trees

DOWN

1 19th letter
2 Bird
3 Blunder
4 Pay out money
5 Narrow path
6 Canadian
7 Us (Pronoun)
8 Feels one's way
9 Not so bright
10 Night before a
11 Ever (Poet)
16 Native of
17 Long flowing
18 Conceals
19 Stretches
21 Small portable
22 Skull
23 Shoestrings
24 One, two, —
25 Periods of 365
27 Abstains from
28 Large stones
29 Snake-like fish
30 Rents
31 Immerses in
32 Unattached
33 Separates
34 Shipping
35 Exclamation
36 Recline
37 Cushion
38 Queer
39 Neither
40 Bend
41 Father



Assistance From Army Fund Available To New Soldiers

The United States Army will continue to offer the Army College Fund to new soldiers entering the service during the new fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

Combined with benefits of the G.I. Bill, the Army College Fund is available to those who enlist into selected military occupational specialties and the dollar amount varies depending upon the length of enlistment from \$17,000 for four years to more than \$25,000 for two years.

Eligibility criteria will change for young men whose army enlistments begin Oct. 1, or later, when both the Army College Fund and the Army's

Cash Bonus incentives will be restricted to those holding high school diplomas, having 15 semester hours of college or equivalent foreign education.

According to Staff Sgt. Dwight Bailey of the Army Recruiting Station in Statesville, prospective soldiers who do not receive high school diplomas, but complete their high school education through the National Home Study Completion Correspondence Method; receive Adult Education Diplomas issued by the state or through external diploma programs at secondary or post-secondary educational institutions; or have certificates or diplomas for having attended non-correspondence vocational, technical or proprietary schools will not be eligible for the benefits of either incentive program.

"These men will still be eligible for G.I. Bill benefits," Bailey said. "Men with alternate high school credentials can be accepted with all benefits except, beginning Oct. 1, for the cash bonus and Army College Fund."

Information on the many military occupations that offer cash bonuses of up to \$8,000 or the Army College Fund is available by contacting Bailey at 872-6324, or by a visit to his office at 124 Signal Hill St., Statesville.

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Alcohol - Drug Information

By BILL WEANT
Tri-County Mental Health Center

Statistics on drinking and driving remind us of the possibilities of what can happen when the two are combined.

Between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. on weekends, one out of every 10 individuals operating an automobile in this country is driving under the influence of alcohol.

A person whose blood alcohol concentration is 0.5 percent is two times more likely to have an accident; 10 percent is seven times more likely; 15 percent is 25 times more likely.

Alcohol is involved in over two million motor vehicle crashes each year.

Over 650,000 persons per year are injured in alcohol-related crashes.

During the past decade an average of 25,000 persons per year have died in alcohol-related crashes.

Economic loss related to these alcohol-related crashes is over \$24 billion a year, including losses in productivity, hospital and health care costs, vehicular damage, and auto insurance costs.

Of drivers killed each year, over 50 percent have blood alcohol concentrations above 10 percent of the legally designated intoxication level in most states.

Of fatally injured drivers involved in single vehicle crashes, over 45 percent are legally intoxicated with BAC above 10 percent.

Of fatally injured motorcycle drivers, 90 percent have alcohol in their system at the same time of death.

Of fatally injured adult pedestrians, 40 percent have alcohol in their systems, including nearly 40 percent with a BAC of 10 percent or greater.

The overall death rate in our nation is declining for all ages except youth. Drugs driving is the leading cause of death for the 15 to 24-year-old age group. On an average day, 14 teenagers are killed in motor vehicle crashes.

On an average day, 300 teenagers are injured in motor vehicle crashes.

In the 16 to 24 age group, alcohol is involved in 44.6 percent of the single vehicle crashes with a fatally injured driver.

If you are aware of someone preparing to drive after drinking, seek to help him find another way to get home. It is the responsibility of each citizen to help keep our public roads as safe as possible.

(This series is prepared by Bill Weant, substance abuse education consultant with the Tri-County Mental Health Center, 418 East Statesville Ave., Mooresville. If you have a question concerning alcohol or other drugs that you would like answered in a future column, phone 663-3599.)

EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

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Fruits and vegetables can stay fresh two to three times longer if they're wrapped immediately after harvest in plastic films that let them "breathe."

"Sometimes produce is wrapped in the back room of the supermarket to make it more attractive or easier to handle. But that's not what we're talking about," says agricultural marketing specialist Roger E. Ri of USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Fresno, Calif. "We mean shrink-wrapping fresh fruits and vegetables in the packing shed before they're shipped."

Ri has tested a variety of wraps on a wide number of commodities, building on the successes of ABS and have a certain amount of oxygen or it will decompose faster than normal," says Ri. "It has to get rid of excess carbon dioxide. And the substrate that certain fresh fruits and vegetables give off is a natural compound that would otherwise cause overripening."

According to Ri, the bottom line is that produce wrapped immediately after harvest should stay fresh longer and taste better. For growers, development of new faster equipment for automatic wrapping could mean new markets for perishable foods.

Ri has tested several fruits and vegetables and found that shrink wrapping at harvest can prolong the life of broccoli, cantaloupes, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and eggplant.

Simple, Long-Lasting Marriages

Marriage is a rewarding experience no matter how elaborate the wedding ceremony. That's the word from four couples in Nebraska who have each been married for more than 60 years, got "hitched" in a simple ceremony and live on the same block in Beatrice.

The longest marriage belongs to Ralph and Donnie Winner who tied the knot on May 9, 1917, in Beatrice City. The Winners, who were married by a county judge have two children and five grandchildren.

Julius and Marie Lucks were married by a priest at the Beatrice Catholic Rectory and have been married for 62 years. They have one daughter, one grandson, and one great-grandson.

Elmer and Clarence Johnson were married July 11, 1926, by a justice of the peace at the Baptist minister's home in Gale, Ill. They moved to Beatrice in 1960 and have seven children, 31 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Corwin and Alice Stewart were married March 29, 1926, in Red Cloud by the county judge and have three children, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

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